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Rosemary Clarke Middle School GEAR UP Abstract 2012-2013

Rosemary Clarke Middle School is the largest middle school in Nye County with a student population of 1,008 in grades $6^{th} - 8^{th}$. The 7^{th} grade GEAR UP cohort for the first year will include 312 students with a free and reduced rate of 61.8%. RCMS is a feeder school for four Title I elementary schools in Pahrump.

RCMS has developed a restructuring plan identifying the completion of professional development plans by all teachers with collaboration between administration and teachers to implement instructional changes to improve student achievement. Students participate in goal setting with staff and follow a focused plan for skill development in tested core areas during study skills class. GEAR UP programming will assist with both goals in providing professional development for teachers and academic assistance for students.

The GEAR UP Site Representative will provide the same GEAR UP services as other communities in Nye. Field trips to colleges, with a focus on academic success, will enable students to obtain knowledge in post-secondary education. Employability skills for career readiness will be addressed as well as college standards and financial aid. Individualized tutoring and credit recovery will be offered to all participants in need.

Parent involvement activities are imperative in assisting with the understanding of post-secondary education options. Parents will learn about financial aid, college acceptance, and other college experiences that will assist students in obtaining post-secondary education. The Parent Involvement Site Representative will be responsible for planning and carrying out activities designed to improve parent involvement at the school.

Setting up a "college corner" in the counseling office at RCMS will provide opportunities to students, as well as adults, in regards to a college "prep" culture. This area will be used by the counselor to provide information to students, the GEAR UP personnel to work with students and parents, and for the parents and students to visit and receive information and knowledge of post-secondary choices.

Exploration of career choices using integrated technology will support STEM programming components. Professional development for teachers and leaders in STEM will increase the awareness at the site level and provide additional resources to the students.